



2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

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## This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria**

Worship Leader: **Paul**

Reader: **Belle**

Intercessor: **Fenella**

Host: **Terence**

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## Introduction before starting service – Paul

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

## Opening Sentence (P. 348) – Paul

A voice came from heaven, saying,

“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

*Matthew 3.17*

## The Peace (P.192) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Grace (P.185) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## Confession (P.45) – Paul

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Absolution (P.46) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### A Reading from Acts 19:1-7 – Belle

Reader:

*<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.'<sup>3</sup> Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.'<sup>4</sup> Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Hymn – *As with Gladness Men of Old*

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;

So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before thee,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,  
So may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,  
All our costliest treasures bring Christ, to thee our heavenly king.

4. In the heavenly country bright need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

*Common Praise #160*

*Music: Konrad Kocher*

*Text: William Chatterton Dix*

*Hymn leader: Amy Chiu*

*Accompanist: [www.smallchurchmusic.com](http://www.smallchurchmusic.com)*

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## Gospel Mark 1:4-11 – Rev. Maria

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader:

*<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'*

### ***The Baptism of Jesus***

*<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up*

*out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon – Rev. Maria

### The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Paul

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day  
he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the People (P.112 Litany 2) – Fenella

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's transition to St. E, 2021 ministry planning

Anglican: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Diocesan: Honorary Canons of St. James Cathedral

Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-lan Feng

*Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor*

Intercessor: Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

Intercessor: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human

family.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Collect of the Day (P. 348) – Fenella

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing (P.683 ii) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## Announcements

<https://www.stechurch.com/announcements>

## Dismissal – Paul

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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## Next Sunday Jan 17 10:15am

## English Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria**

Worship Leader: **Justin**                      Reader: **Benjamin**

Intercessor: **Amy**

Host: **Paul**

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